



# DEAD DONKEYS FEAR NO HYENAS

by Joakim Demmer



## SYNOPSIS

A documentary thriller about land-grabbing and the global rush for farmland - the new green gold!

Around the globe, there is a massive commercial rush for farmland - the new green gold. One of the most profitable new spots for farming is Ethiopia. Hoping for export revenues, the Ethiopian government leases millions of hectares of allegedly unused land to foreign investors. But the dream of prosperity has a dark side - the most massive forced evictions in modern history, lost livelihoods of small farmers, harsh repression and a vicious spiral of violence. Contributing to this disaster are the EU, the World Bank and DFID, providing billions of dollars in development money. DEAD DONKEYS FEAR NO HYENAS investigates these foreign land investments and exposes their impact on people's lives. In the pursuit of truth, we meet investors, development bureaucrats, persecuted journalists, struggling environmentalists and small farmers deprived of their land.

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Joakim Demmer · PRODUCER Margarete Jangård · LEADING ACTOR / ACTRESS FALSE ACTOR / ACTRESS Argaw Ashine (himself) · SCREENPLAY Joakim Demmer · SCORE Matthias Trippner · EDITOR Stefan Sundlöf, Frank Brummundt · DOP Joakim Demmer, Ute Freund · SOUND DESIGN Janne Laine

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

DEAD DONKEYS FEAR NO HYENAS was triggered by a seemingly trivial scene at the airport in Addis Ababa, six years back. Waiting for my flight late at night, I happened to see some tired workers at the tarmac who were loading food products on an airplane destined for Europe. At the same time, another team was busy unloading sacks with food aid from a second plane. It took some time to realize the real

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ORIGINAL LANGUAGES  
English

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